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ABSTRACT

An apparatus for the manufacture of fiber-reinforced plastic compositions. The apparatus addresses the disadvantages of previous methods and apparatuses for the manufacture of fiber-reinforced plastic compositions using a plasticizing extruder. Some embodiments of the apparatus may increase and/or better define the fiber content in the plasticate, as well as improve performance in the production of plasticates from fiber fleeces and fiber mats. Embodiments include an apparatus with a plasticizing extruder with adapted geometry of the extruder casing and the corresponding screw elements.